

Peter's "Be Hive"

6. Be Growing (2:2)

(cf.) a growing baby is measured every day,
but spiritually we often are not.

Even by the year we often cannot see
any growth - Individually and as Congregation

7. Be Pilgrims (Sojourners) (2:11)

abstain from fleshly lusts.

This is not our home (only passing through)

8. Be Submissive (2:13, 18; 3:1)

civil government; as servants;
as wives; as children, to God-Christ.

9. Be Like-Minded

Of one mind - united - no divisions

10. Be Enlarged (vs 3:17)

Through suffering

11. Be Soundminded & Sober (4:7)

Strong and firm

Not given to fancies

CONCLUSION:

Let us begin with a lesson from the bees
and begin working.

We must have all of the (Be's) which
Peter expresses if we expect to be pleasing.

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1 Peter 1:2

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus taught in parables. Life & nature teaches us spiritual lessons.
A. Bee hive - many members, all busy, all intent on being the same thing.
always ready to put forth the stinger (defend their works & queen) everyone knows this.
Apply to Christianity
B. We can gain a great lesson from watching bees:

BODY:

- I. Many church members are always busy.
(worker bee - the industrious bee)
(Then the drone (many drones in church) lays around and does nothing, eats off of everyone else)
- B. Queen like unto King Jesus
Honey like unto good works.
- C. Imagine bees doing only enough to get them through the winter.
 1. giving - only enough to take care of necessary things; preacher's salary, lights, gas, and that's all.Bees are not self-satisfied - We cannot be self-satisfied Christians.

II. 1. Be Prepared

There is a place prepared (vs 4) Jan 14:14
Are you prepared to meet your God?????

2. Be Sober ¹³ - (Hopeful for eternal life.)
alcoholics - drunk - free from this.
Can be drunk without alcohol; drunk on things of world, when one becomes dogmatic, fanatic, (ignorance)
3. Be Holy (vs 15-17) (In life, every work)
Separation from the world and consecration to God.
4. Be God-Fearing (vs 17)
Not that he will hurt, but that we will hurt him.
Acts 10:35 "fear & work righteousness accepted"
Heb 12:28 "offer service with fear."
5. Be Loving (vs 22)
When you love enemy, you grow (Ch 4:8)